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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (NYERERE)

SUBJECT: NYERERE STOPOVER AT HOUSTON

1. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT RECEPTION CEREMONIES AT HOUSTON AIRPORT FOR PRESIDENT NYERERE AND KEY MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY WERE WELL RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT NYERERE. NYERERE SEEMED RELAXED AND IN HIGH SPIRITS AND ALTERNATELY JOKED AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ATTENTION HE AND ASSOCIATES RECEIVED.

2. ARRIVAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE CONSISTED OF AMBASSADOR BOMANI, ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS, MAYOR HOFHEINZ OF HOUSTON, AF/E DIRECTOR COOTE, MEXICAN CHIEF OF PROTOCOL (MEXICAN GOVT SENT SPECIAL PLANE TO HOUSTON TO CARRY TANZANIAN PARTY TO MEXICO CITY), SEVERAL CIVIC LEADERS FROM HOUSTON AND TWO TANZANIANS (ONE TEACHER AND ONE STU-DENT) CURRENTLY RESIDENT IN AREA. IN BRIEF BUT WARM SPEECH MAYOR PRESENTED NYERERE WITH KEY TO CITY AND SILVER LETTER OPENER. DAVIS THEN EXTENDED GREETINGS OF PRESIDENT FORD AND USG AND GAVE NYERERE PERSONAL LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
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FORD. SUBSEQUENTLY MAYOR PRESENTED REMINGTON PLATE TO

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MRS. NYERERE AND HONORARY CERTIFICATES AS GOOD WILL AMBASSADORS OF HOUSTON TO MINISTERS MALECELA, JAMAL AND MUNGAI. USIA STRINGER AND LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE

CONSTANTLY TAKING PICTURES DURING CEREMONIES, AND NYERERE WILLINGLY POSED FOR SPECIAL PHOTOS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. REPORTERS WERE TOLD NOT RPT NOT TO ASK SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS.

3. TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO NYERERE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO WELCOME YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES TO THE UNITED STATES DURING YOUR STOP AT HOUSTON. YOUR MANY FRIENDS IN OUR COUNTRY JOIN ME IN EXTENDING THIS WELCOME.

I FOLLOW WITH INTEREST DEVELOPMENTS AND INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. I KNOW YOU ARE PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE, AND I EARNESTLY HOPE FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR EFFORTS, AND THOSE OF YOUR ASSOCIATES, IN RESOLVING DIFFICULT POLITICAL AND HUMAN SITUATIONS THROUGH REASONABLE NEGOTIATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

I WISH YOU A GOOD JOURNEY ON THE REMAINDER OF YOUR TRIP.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD UNQUOTE

4. USG DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF LETTER, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD TANZANIANS DO SO. KISSINGER

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